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## House of Representatives

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. JACKSON of Illinois).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
May 26, 2010.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JESSE L. JACKSON, Jr. to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice."

Here is another day of creation; another opportunity to serve God's people in this land of freedom.

By the Spirit, may the Lord lift us in prayer renewing our faith. Knowing that lasting goodness is discovered in the Lord alone; and human freedom is a gift given to all the children of God; may Congress give the Lord glory by accomplishing great deeds in His Holy Name.

In the process, may we encourage one another and live in harmony and peace both now and forever. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Arizona (Mrs. KIRK-

PATRICK) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 5128. An act to designate the United States Department of the Interior Building in Washington, District of Columbia, as the "Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building".

The message also announced that the Senate has agreed to without amendment a concurrent resolution of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 211. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the East Bay Regional Park District in California, and for other purposes.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### F-35 JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER

(Mr. ARCURI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ARCURI. Congress has supported a competitive acquisition for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter engine for the last 14 years for good reason. The total program is expected to cost more than \$100 billion over the next 30 to 40 years. The Government Accounting Office has

concluded that competition between engine suppliers could provide a life-cycle cost savings of over 20 percent.

A competitive F-35 engine program would also reap other benefits such as increased reliability, improved contractor responsiveness, a more robust industrial base, and less chance to ground the entire fleet to fix a problem.

Chairman ANDREWS and Ranking Member CONAWAY of the bipartisan House Defense Acquisition Reform Panel have stated that annual engine competition will make both engines better and save taxpayers money—up to \$21 billion based on the F-16 experience.

The development of the alternative engine is now nearly 75 percent complete. To pull the plug on this program would forfeit \$3 billion in taxpayer funds that have already been spent.

Competition saves taxpayers money. It's been proven to on the other fighter engine program. Why would we write a blank check to a single supplier for 40 years?

### REPUBLICAN INTERACTIVE INITIATIVES

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Republicans are leading the charge on creative interactive initiatives that give the American people a seat in Congress. Hardworking taxpayers are rightfully frustrated by business as usual in Washington, particularly when it comes to liberals dragging their feet on job creation bills while continuing to rack up government spending.

AmericaSpeakingOut.com, launched yesterday by Chief Deputy Whip KEVIN MCCARTHY, will provide a forum for concerned Americans to make their

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